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RESPONSE

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In response to the action mailed April 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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*SLG*  
(Amended six times) A method comprising:

receiving from a user an input selecting a layer in an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, the selected layer having content including one or more non-transparent regions in a transparent frame;

in response to the input selecting a layer, defining an area in the selected layer by automatically determining a perimeter boundary of the one or more non-transparent regions in the selected layer;

assigning an action to the area, the action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected; and

associating the area and the action with the selected layer as a property of the selected layer in the electronic artwork.

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